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Forests

Sale of agricultural implements in Kurnool East.

* 518 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the notification of sale of agricultural implements by the District Forest Officer, Kurnool East, at page 46 of the Forest Supplement to the *Kurnool District Gazette*, dated 3rd August 1928, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the kinds of woods are that are generally used and supplied for spokes and felloes ;

(*b*) what approximate cubical contents of such wood are required for making one set of spokes and felloes ; and

(*c*) what the forest schedule rate is per cubic foot of such wood in bulk ?

A.—(*a*) The only species that is in general use for spokes and felloes is Pterocarpus marsupium known in Kurnool as 'Yegi.'

(*b*) Twenty to twenty-five cubic feet.

(*c*) The rate for the timber in the log sold at depot is Rs. 1–8–0 per cubic foot.

Central Record Office

Curator of the Madras Record Office.

* 519 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the present Curator was appointed to the Madras Record Office and what were the duties assigned to him ;

(*b*) whether he has been confirmed ;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the papers relating to the appointment on the table ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that except the passing of proofs of the printing of old records as corrected by the clerks allotted for this work there is no other work for the Curator ;

(*e*) if not, what are the specific duties which he is now discharging ; and

(*f*) why such a highly paid officer on Rs. 350—850 grade is necessary to continue the printing of old manuscript records on the same lines and methods as the office has been pursuing between 1922 and 1927, i.e., till this Curator took charge of the office ?

A.—(*a*) The present Curator took charge on 16th December 1927. The duty assigned to him is the custody of the records in the Record office.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government do not propose to place the papers on the table.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) All duties and reponsibilities connected with the charge and working of the Record office.

(*f*) The assumption as to scope of the duties is wrong and the question does n ot therefore arise.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED SAHIB :—" With reference to clause (e), may I know what the specific duties of the Curator are and why they are not mentioned here ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" They are not mentioned here, because it would make the answer exceedingly lengthy. The Curator is in charge of every thing connected with the custody and management of Government Record Office."

Construction of additional record-rooms in the Madras Record Office.

* 520 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government will kindly place on the table the papers relating to the construction of the additional record-rooms in the Madras Record office ?

A.—A copy [a] of the note explaining the proposal which was placed before the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 8th October 1924 is placed on the table.

Police

Reorganization of the Madras City Police.

* 521 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Police, Madras, has submitted to the Government a scheme for reorganizing the Madras City Police ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme in contemplation proposes to revise the pay of all European Sergeants and to give an extra allowance to European Traffic Inspectors ;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the scale of pay of European Sergeants to Rs. 150—50—250 and grant certain allowances for educating their children ;

(d) why the Government propose to give preferential concessions only to European officers ;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the Indian Sub-Inspectors of Police get less pay than European Sergeants ;

(f) whether the Government will consider the advisability of posting Indian officers to Traffic regulation work ; if not, why not ; and

(g) whether the Government will place on the table a statement as to what they propose to do with regard to the reorganization of the Police in the City and in the Presidency and with regard to the revision of pay ?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) & (d) The proposals are under the consideration of the Government.
(e) They are not aware of this.
(f) Traffic points are manned mostly by Indian head constables and constables.
(g) As the proposals are under the consideration of the Government, they cannot be placed on the table now.

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 429-430 infra.